

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE AUDITORIUM ON MAY 14, 2007 AT 11:30 A.M.

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN CHIVOUS BRADLEY
VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL MCINTOSH
MARGARET HELTON
CHARLES HILL
BRENT WASHBURN**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order.

BUDGET/BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. John Kinlaw presented the requested budget of the Boarf of Education to the County Commissioners which he said reflected what is needed to provide the opportunity for every child to become a lifelong learner. Mandated requests total approximately \$275,000 which included pay increases for all employees. The state budget looks very much as had been projected.

The allocation to charter schools has increased due to increased enrollment. There is also an increase in maintenance due to new buildings coming on line.

The cost for the improvements as a result of the strategic plan totaled \$624,282. Two buses are requested for transporting students to ICC. The initial purchase must be made by the county with replacements being provided by the state. The teachers' supplement has been increased by \$100. Other requests included fully funding the extra-curricular supplement, hiring a fulltime technology director, implementing a chemical hygiene plan, hiring a transportating specialists, providing for the innovative high school program, and aligning the salary schedule for maintenance employees.

Dr. Anna Renfroe spoke to the Board regarding the technology updates of Rutherford County schools. A grant was received from the state that was used to get a technology assessment. Pangea is in the back stage process at this time. Switches and servers are going in place at a cost of about \$400,000 which was allocated by the Commissioners.

Mr. Kevin McCammon, a consultant working with the Board of Education, advised that everything is on track and within budget. All schools will be connected with fiber except Pinnacle and Sunshine which will use wireless.

Dr. Kinlaw reviewed accomplishments during the last year. Competitive bus driver salaries have been implemented, the middle grade rigor effort is in place, the REACH partnership with ICC has completed two successful years and has been recognized by the Governor's Office, and there has been an increase in the number of advanced placement courses available in high schools.

Chairman Bradley said the recommended included a 5% increase for the schools. The request of the Board of Education will be reviewed. He expressed his concern that the number of teacher assistants had decreased. Dr. Kinlaw said it was anticipated that enrollment would decrease due to the enrollment at Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bradley declared the meeting to be adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners